

1. (Amended) An immunoassay reagent for use in the quantitative determination of a target antigen or antibody present in a sample, said reagent containing:

(a) an insoluble carrier which carries an enzyme and an antibody or antigen ^{reactive with} ~~corresponding to~~ ^{for target} said antigen or antibody, said insoluble carrier comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of an organic polymer powder particle, microorganism, blood cell and cell membrane fragment;

(b) an enzyme inhibitor for inhibiting the activity of said enzyme; and

(c) a substrate with which the enzyme reacts.

3. (Amended) An immunoassay reagent for use in the quantitative determination of a target antigen or antibody present in a sample, said reagent containing:

(a) an insoluble carrier which carries an enzyme and an antibody or antigen corresponding to said antigen or antibody, said insoluble carrier comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of an organic polymer powder particle, microorganism, blood cell and cell membrane fragment;

(b) an enzyme whose activity is inhibited by said enzyme inhibitor; and

(c) a substrate with which the enzyme reacts.

5. (Amended) The immunoassay reagent [as recited in any one] of [claims] claim 1 [- 4], [characterized in that] wherein said insoluble carrier further contains a magnetic or magnetizable material.

a₆ 6. (Amended) The immunoassay reagent [as recited in any one] of [claims] claim 1 [- 5], [characterized as] containing plural different combinations in type of said antibody or antigen, enzyme and substrate.

a₇ 9. (Amended) The immunoassay reagent [as recited in any one] of [claims] claim 1 [- 8], wherein said enzyme inhibitor is an antibody against said enzyme.

a₈ 11. (Amended) An immunoassay method for quantitatively determining a target antigen or antibody present in a sample, [characterized by] comprising:

Sub B2 mixing the immunoassay reagent [as recited in any one] of [claims] claim 1 [- 10] with the sample to thereby cause an enzyme reaction and an antigen-antibody reaction in the form of an agglutination reaction[,], and measuring the degrees of the reactions occurred.

REMARKS

The amendment to the Specification and Claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9 and 11 are made to encompass the amendments made to the Specification and Claims in the international application, as well as to eliminate the multiple dependencies and to place the Claims in proper U.S. format. The effect of the foregoing amendments relate only to matters of form, and the substance of the Claims remain the same. The present amendment is deemed not to add new matter. Claims 1-11 are in the application.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early action and